

of which her mother was one of the founding members—she has served under founding pastor Elder Wise until his home going. Until now, Mother Sweeney was the only living founding member. Remaining steadfast under the leadership of Pastor Leighton McMillan, she held various leadership positions, including Sunday school teacher, chair of the Pastors Aide Committee, a member of the nurses unit, vice president of the Deaconesses, and was appointed as Mother of Grace.

Civically, Mother Sweeney was an active member of the State Democratic Committee, president of the Democratic Club of York, vice president of Lincoln Charter School Board, Past Matron of the Queen Esther Temple IBPOE, positions in Eastern Stars PJA, Daughters of Isis—and numerous other community organizations. Whenever possible, Mother Sweeney loved traveling to Florida to be with her “Sunshine State” family—the Burton/Nealy family, Pastor & First Lady Speed, Elder & Mother Combs, Pastor & First Lady Mays, Bishop Theodore and First Lady Hall, BAM International Fellowship. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Mother Sweeney enjoyed being a part of Hurst Chapel AME Parking Lot Posse, enjoying Sunday morning service in the church parking lot.

Mother Sweeney was a matriarch, a pillar of truth, and a true shining light. With words of wisdom, her strong Christian values, and her loving heart, she guided and nurtured her family and her community. She took pride in knowing that her beloved family remains strong and ever-growing, just as she and Arthur had envisioned. Mother Sweeney was and will always be all that a virtuous woman should be, and truly sets the standard for all to follow.

With great honor and thanks, I'm humbled to acknowledge the life and legacy of Mrs. Dorothy M. “Mother Sweeney” of York, Pennsylvania. I wish her Godspeed.

RECOGNIZING NORTH END-STERLING HEIGHTS VFW POST 6250 ON 100 YEARS OF DEDICATED SUPPORT TO THE VETERANS OF MACOMB COUNTY MICHIGAN

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Mrs. McCLAIN. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the North End-Sterling Heights VFW Post 6250.

VFWs across the country provide sanctuaries of support for our nation's veterans. Post 6250 is no different. In their times of need, Post 6250 has been there for the veterans of Macomb County by assisting with the VA, providing wheelchairs and helping veterans restart their lives. This is only a drop in the bucket for what this post has done, and their assistance even extends to the widows of our fallen heroes.

The men and women who serve are our nation's most selfless citizens, and they should have all the support they need when they come home. Luckily for the veterans of Macomb County, VFW Post 6250 has been their strong ally for a century. It is an honor to congratulate them on reaching this historic milestone, and I wish them many more years of dedicated service to our veterans.

IN MEMORY OF ADAM KOLTON

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Adam Kolton, who passed away on April 26, 2021. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin, he lived in Bethesda, Maryland with his family and their dog, Riley. He is survived by two sons, 17-year-old Jacob and 14-year-old Sam, as well as his wife, Laura; his parents, Chet and Carol; his sister Lisa; mother-in-law Priscilla; and brother-in-law Sandy.

A tireless environmental advocate, Adam spent much of his career fighting oil and gas development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. At the beginning of his career, he oversaw a vital period as the Arctic Refuge Campaign Director at Alaska Wilderness League from 1997 to 2002, spearheading the fight to block Congress and the Bush administration from opening the refuge's coastal plain to drilling. Following that, he spent 15 years at the National Wildlife Federation, eventually overseeing its 40-person Washington, D.C. office as Vice President of National Advocacy and leading staff in countless conservation wins, including another high-profile Arctic Refuge battle in 2005. In 2017, he returned to Alaska Wilderness League as its Executive Director and led the organization's work to protect Alaska's public lands and waters through the politically challenging years of the Trump administration. His passion for bringing people together to protect the Arctic Refuge was highlighted by his dedication to elevating the voices of impacted Indigenous communities like the Gwich'in.

As a northern New Jersey native, Adam was an unapologetic fan of the New York Mets and the forever hapless New York Jets. Early in his life, he and a friend formed Sports Fans United—“the largest nonprofit fan advocacy group in the country”—and Adam even testified before Congress in a hearing on revoking baseball's longstanding exemption from antitrust laws.

It is my honor to recognize Adam Kolton, an individual wholly dedicated to the protection of our nation's wildest places like the Arctic Refuge. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of this remarkable advocate for conservation.

IN HONOR OF ALIGN CREDIT UNION OPENING THEIR FIRST NEW HAMPSHIRE LOCATION

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Align Credit Union on opening their new location in Seabrook, their first in New Hampshire.

Every day brings unique challenges to our entrepreneurs here in the Granite State—even more so during these unprecedented times—but as someone who has owned and operated a family restaurant, I know that it's institutions like Align Credit Union that help drive our

economy and form the fabric of our communities. Since its founding in 1922, Align has built strong bonds within New England communities, and maintained its focus on members, regardless of circumstance.

Community financial institutions like Align have long served an essential purpose in expanding financial literacy and strengthening local economies. Now, their work is more important than ever, as Americans turn to credit unions to disburse essential relief funds and rely on their support of Main Street businesses. Align's cooperative model and “people helping people” approach has been essential to its members during this crisis. We welcome Align to the Seacoast of New Hampshire.

Once again, I want to congratulate Align Credit Union on this great achievement, and them for all those who have been involved in making this possible.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF MINING IN ARIZONA

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize those that fight for true economic independence in this country, the mining industry. Recently, the Arizona State Senate passed a resolution recognizing and honoring the importance of mining in Arizona and the nation at large which was joined by the Arizona House of Representatives in a Concurrent Resolution, No. 2009.

As a member of the House Natural Resources Committee, a variety of energy subcommittees, and as former Chairman of the Western Caucus, I have worked with the mining industry and I understand the difficult job the industry has in navigating a political climate that takes for granted its indispensable and vital products. Indeed, many misguided, naive, or simply ignorant people seek to ban mining, restrict it, or eradicate it from our lands. This is foolish and only increases the costs of every product made with mined resources (which is almost everything) and makes us reliant on China and Russia.

I am proffering the Arizona Concurrent Resolution for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for all to see that at this time in history, the leaders of Arizona understand the importance of mining and will not allow federal bureaucrats and radical environmental socialists to shut down our key industry.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2009

Filed: Secretary of State
State of Arizona,
House of Representatives,
Fifty-fifth Legislature,
First Regular Session,
2021.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE HARDROCK MINING INDUSTRY TO ARIZONA'S ECONOMIC WELL-BEING.

Whereas, hardrock mining has played a central role in the development of Arizona's economy since before statehood: and

Whereas, copper produced from hardrock mining is one of the “Five C's” that established Arizona's economy and continues to provide quality jobs for Arizona residents; and